

# Guide for students

to be read after the Guide for new users  
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## Reporting bugs and problems

If you run into problems while working with ReCodEx and neither the documentation nor your supervisor can help, you may contact us at [recodex@mff.cuni.cz](mailto:recodex@mff.cuni.cz)

## Dashboard

The *Dashboard* page (1.1) is a basic page that appears after you log into ReCodEx, unless you have specified otherwise on the *Settings* page.

This page will change substantially in the near future, and so for now we will not describe it in detail.

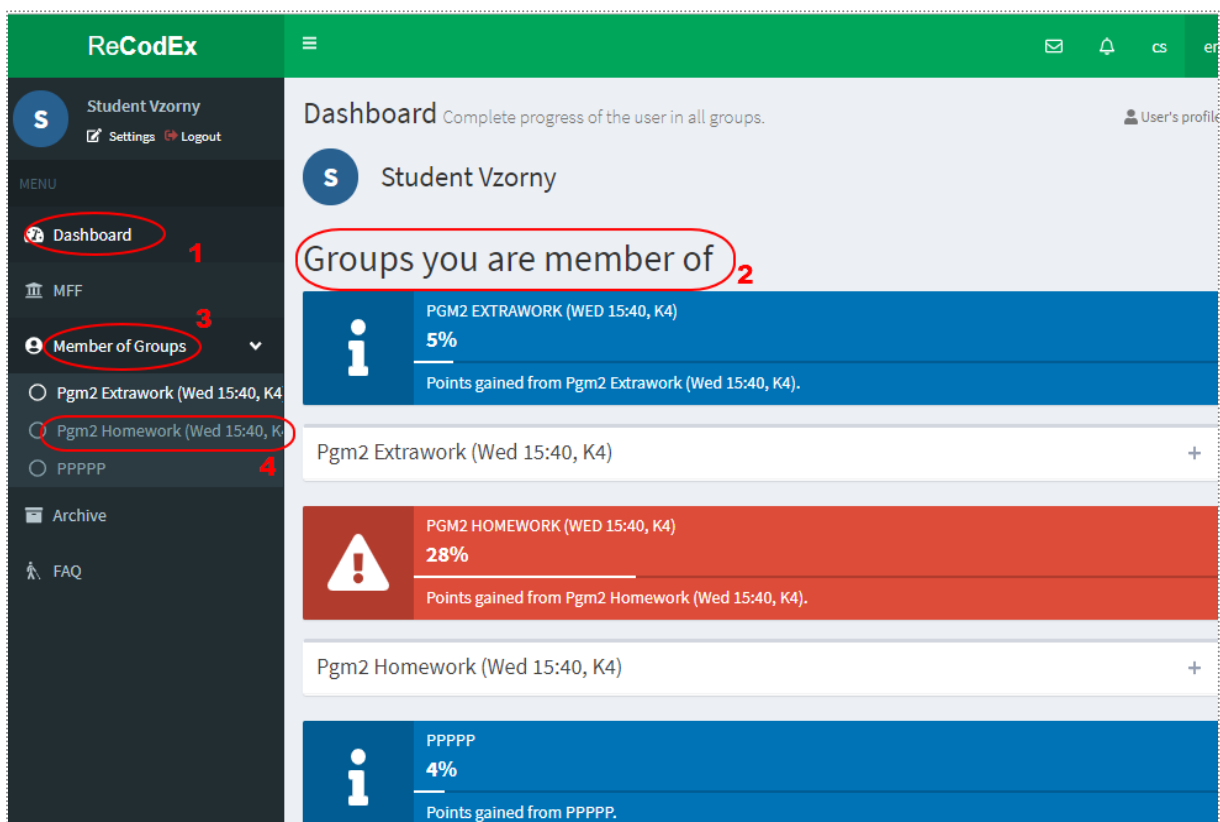


Figure 1

## Joining groups

The list of groups that you belong to (1.2) appears on the *Dashboard* page (1.1) or in the sidebar on the left (1.3).

- A group's supervisor may add you directly to the group. In that case there is nothing for you to do.

- You can join a group that belongs to a class that you have registered for in SIS. In the sidebar on the left, choose the item *SIS integration* (2.4) and choose a group corresponding to one of your scheduled classes.

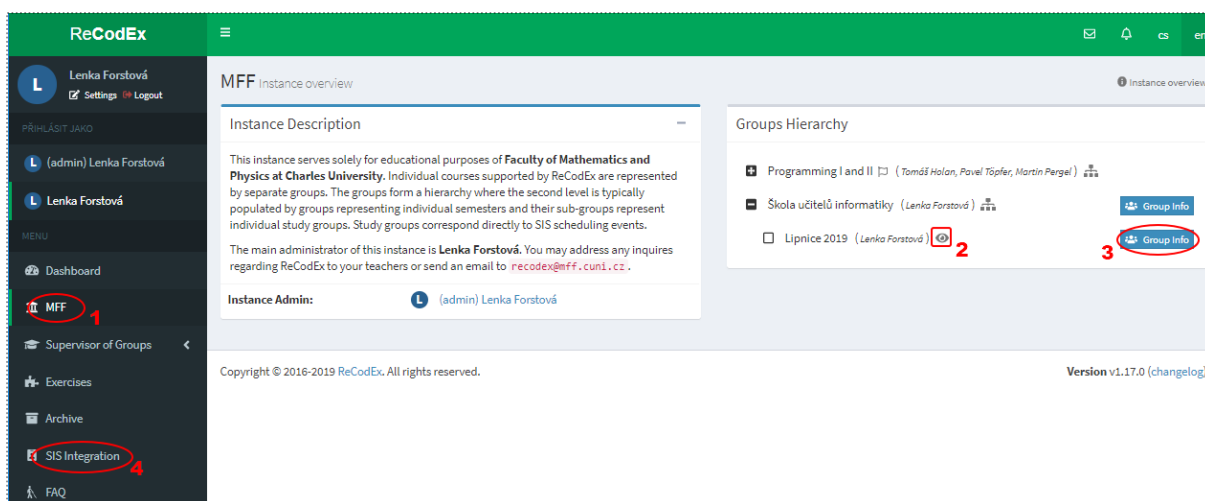


Figure 2

- Or you can join a public group – a group whose supervisor has marked it as public, allowing anyone with a ReCodEx account to join it. In this case
  - on the instance page ("MFF" in our case) (2.1)
  - choose a group that is marked as public (2.2)
  - display information about this group (2.3)
  - and join the group on its information page (3.1)

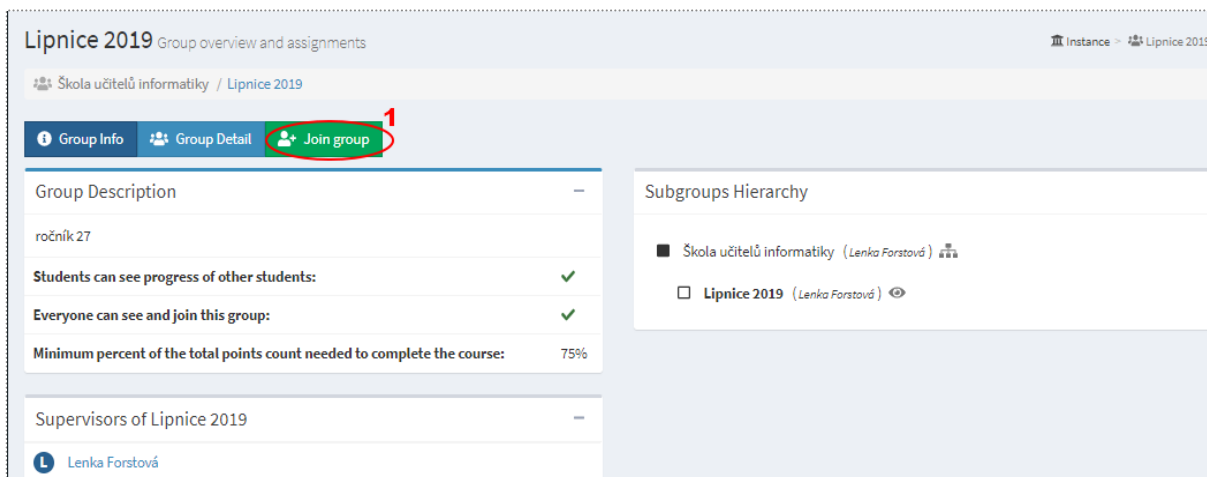


Figure 3

## Membership in a group

Choose a specific group, e.g. in the sidebar on the left (4.1) to display concrete information about the group, divided into two pages *Group Info* (4.2) and *Group Detail* (4.3). The third tab *Leave Group* (4.4) is a command to terminate your membership in a group.

On the *Group Info* page you will find the name of the group's supervisor and the group's attributes set by the supervisor. For students, the most important of these attributes determines the minimum

number of points needed to pass **(4.5)**. This number is determined by a percentage of points that students must earn to fulfill the supervisor's requirements. This percentage is based on the total number of points that a student can earn by completing assignments by their first assigned deadline. Bonus assignments do not count toward this base total. The base total continually increases as the supervisor assigns more exercises. As a student gains points by solving exercises, ReCodex continually updates the student's success percentage and the *Dashboard* uses colors to show whether the student is above or below the required minimal threshold. A group's supervisor may, but is not required to, set this „minimum percent“ attribute.

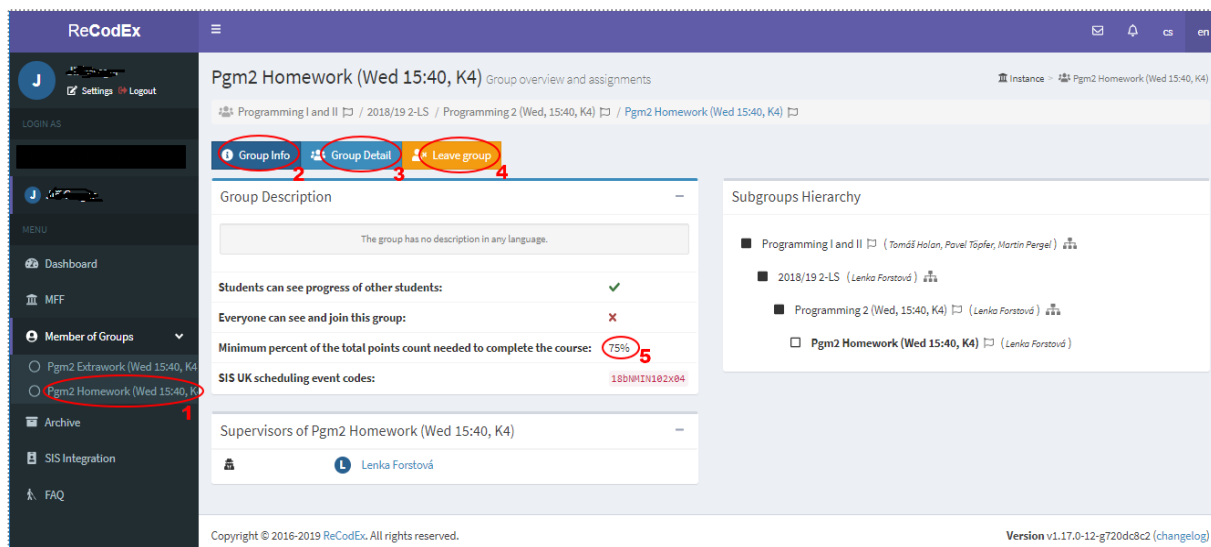


Figure 4

## Overview of assignments

A group's supervisor assigns exercises to its members. Members can see an overview of assignments on the Group Detail page (see above) in the *Assignments* table **(5.1)**. Each row contains:

- The assignment's name **(5.2)** – you can click this to see details about the assignment (which will be described later)
- Runtimes/languages **(5.3)** – the language(s) in which you may submit a solution to the assignment

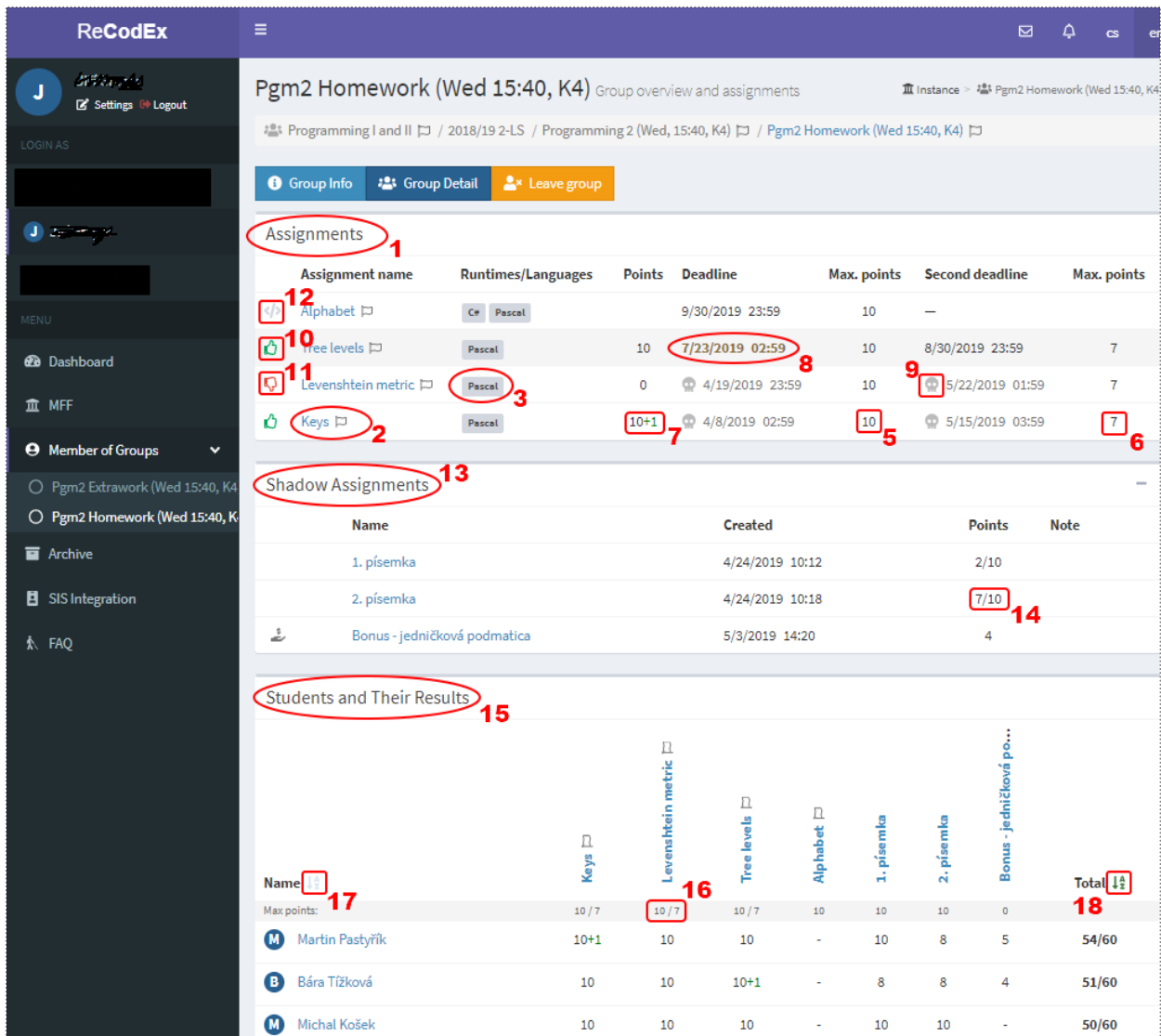


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Points – the number of points that a student can earn by the first (5.5) or second (5.6) deadline, and the number of points that a student has already earned for this assignment (5.7). A supervisor may award bonus points (positive or negative) for an submitted solution. Earned points are displayed as points automatically awarded by ReCodEx plus bonus points awarded by the supervisor (5.7). The sum of automatically awarded points and bonus points is included in a student's point total. Deadlines that have passed (5.9) and upcoming deadlines (5.8) are visually distinguished. A student may submit solutions even after the last deadline has passed, but in this case 0 points will be awarded for the assignment.

A solution may also receive zero points if it does not achieve the minimum success percentage assigned by the supervisor in the output tests.

The page visually indicates whether a student has

- successfully solved the assignment, i.e. achieved the minimal required percentage in the tests (5.10)
- submitted a solution, but unsuccessfully (5.11)
- not submitted any solution (5.12)

The second part of the *Group Detail* displays a list of results of *Shadow assignments* (5.12). These are assignments that are not graded by ReCodEx; the supervisor grades them, but points earned for them are counted normally in a student's point total for the group. Points received (5.14) are displayed in the form of points awarded out of the maximum possible points (if it is set).

In the third section are *Students and their results* (5.15). The table heading displays each assignment along with its maximum number of points that can be earned by the first / second deadline (5.16)

A group's supervisor may decide whether students can see each other's results. If this has been enabled, each member of the group sees all other members' results here.

You can sort the table (in ascending or descending order) by the last name of group members (5.17) or by the number of points achieved (5.18).

## Assignment details

Click on the name of any assignment to display a page with details about it. You can display text about the assignment in any available language (6.1).

The screenshot shows the assignment page for 'Sum of integers in odd positions II'. The page is divided into several sections:

- Language selector:** A dropdown menu showing 'cs' and 'en', with 'cs' selected and circled in red (1).
- Description:** A paragraph of text in Czech explaining the task: 'Spočítejte součet celých čísel na lichých pozicích. Řada čísel je zadána na standardním vstupu oddělená mezerou nebo koncem řádku. Jednotlivá čísla se vejdou do integeru (FreePascal). Řada čísel je ukončena číslem -1, které do ní nepatří. Výsledek vypíšete na standardní výstup.'
- Example:** A section titled 'Příklad:' showing an input '5 1 3', '2', '6 -1' and an output '14'.
- Details sidebar:** A sidebar on the right with a 'Details' header circled in red (2). It contains:
  - Deadline: 10/22/2018 23:59 (9 months ago)
  - Max. points before 1st deadline: 10
  - Second deadline: 10/30/2018 00:00 (9 months ago)
  - Max. points before 2nd deadline: 7
  - Max. points (at present time): 0
  - Submission count limit: 10
  - Already submitted: 7
  - Can submit more solutions:
  - Points percentual threshold: 40% (circled in red, 3)
  - Allowed languages/frameworks/technologies: Pascal
- Submit New Solution:** A green button with a star icon, circled in red (5).
- Submitted Solutions table:** A table with columns 'Date of submission', 'Validity', 'Points', and 'Target language'. The table contains several rows of submission data. The 'Points' column shows values like '10/7', '0/7', '3/7', '0/10', and '0+1/10', which are circled in red (4, 11, 12). The table is circled in red (6).
- Feedback icons:** Various icons (thumbs up, thumbs down, speech bubble) are present next to the submission rows, some circled in red (7, 8, 9, 13).

Figure 6

Read the assignment carefully; many errors arise by not following an assignment or by misinterpreting it (a common mistake is that a student assumes a particular input format, but actually the assignment is more general). If an assignment includes a filename, you must use precisely the same name in your solution, including its extension and case.

## Details table

The *Details* table displays attributes about an assignment and your solution to it **(6.2)**.

- Deadlines set by the supervisor, along with the remaining time until (or time elapsed since) each deadline and the number of points that can be earned by it.
- The maximum number of points that can be earned by submitting a solution at the present time. Beware: this is not the maximum number of points that it was possible to earn by submitting by an appropriate deadline, which is the value that contributes toward a student's success percentage.
- The submission count limit, set by the supervisor. If a student reaches this limit, they may not submit further solutions. A supervisor may delete selected submissions by a student and thus enable further submissions..
- The number of solutions already submitted
- An indicator of whether it is still possible to submit solutions. A student can submit solutions even after the deadline has passed, as long as the supervisor has not disallowed it and the student has not reached the submission limit.
- The points percentual threshold, set by the supervisor **(6.3)**. If a solution does not achieve at least this threshold, it receives 0 points **(6.4)**.
- Allowed environments/languages. The supervisor sets the language(s) in which solutions may be submitted.

## Submitted solutions

To submit a solution, click the *Submit New Solution* button **(6.5)**.

You will find an overview of submitted solutions in the *Odevzdaná řešení* table **(6.6)**. Icons in the first table column indicate whether a solution has met **(6.7)** or has not met **(6.8)** the required point threshold **(6.3)** and whether a submitted solution was annotated with comments **(6.9)**. Either the supervisor or student may add comments to a solution at any time. The points column displays the number of points awarded out of the total points **(6.10)** that it was possible to earn when the assignment was submitted. A supervisor may assign a point total outside the set range **(6.11)**, e.g. when an assignment was submitted late for excusable reasons, or a supervisor may award bonus points for a successful solution **(6.12)**.

A supervisor may denote a submitted solution as *final* **(6.13)**. In this case, the points from this point are counted in the student's point total even if the student submits another solution (possibly in the future) that gains more points. In the example in the screenshot above, the student earns 3 points for the assignment. A supervisor may remove the *final* designation at any point, and then the student will once again receive the maximum number of points from any submitted solution, in this case 10 points **(6.11)**.

Click the *Detail* button **(6.11)** to display the *Solution evaluation* page **(Figure 8)**, where you can peruse e.g. the compilation logs or the results of individual tests.

## Submitting a solution

When you click the *Submit New Solution* button (6.5) on the assignment details page, a dialog appears that is used to submit your solution to the system. You can drag file(s) into the indicated area or click the *Add File(s)* button (7.1) to launch a file browser dialog. The name(s) of the file(s) should not

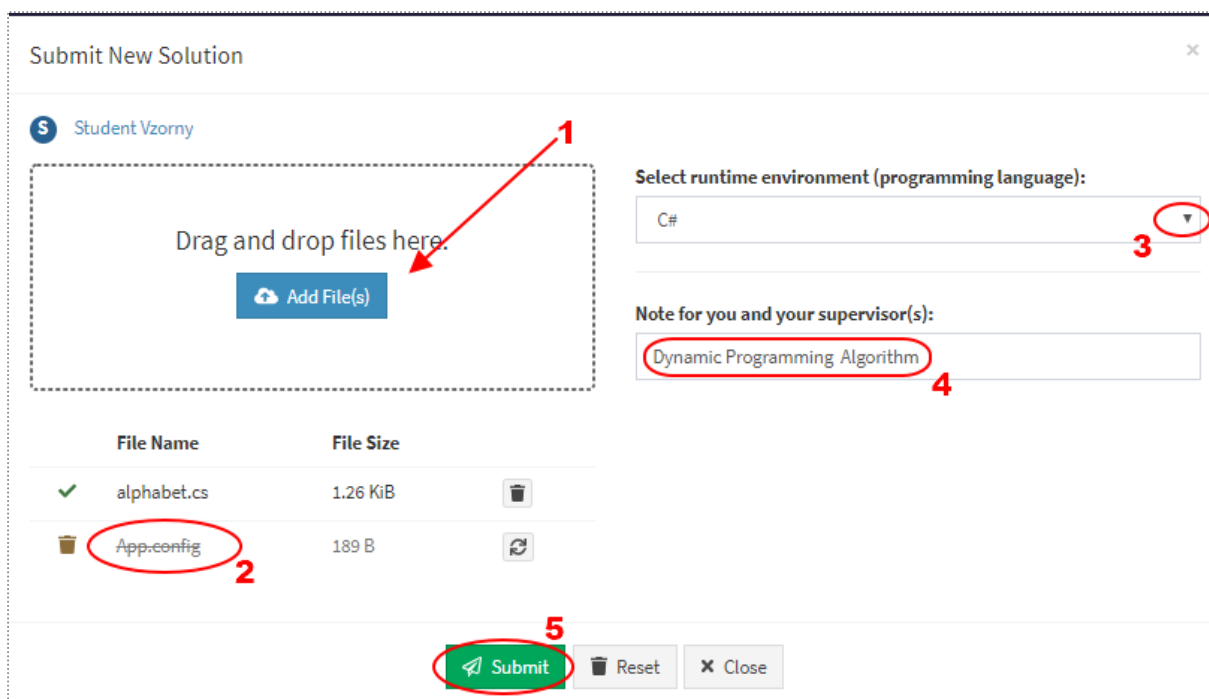


Figure 7

contain non-standard characters. You will definitely be safe if you stick to the letters of the English alphabet, digits and the underscore character. A file should have an extension corresponding to the chosen runtime environment. For Pascal, for example, this is the extension *pas* or *lpr*. Only submit files that ReCodEx needs for testing your solution; do not submit e.g. files for configuring your IDE (7.2). ReCodEx will attempt to test these files and will needlessly crash on inappropriate files. Each crash launches an error process, generate an error log, and is an unnecessary burden on the system and its administrators.

After you submit file(s) with your solution, ReCodEx will attempt to determine the language (runtime environment) in which your files should be tested. You may modify this choice (7.3).

You may attach a note to your solution (7.4), which will appear in the table of submitted solutions and may help you distinguish between individual variants of your solution. The group supervisor will also see this note. It is not possible to modify or edit this note later.

To initiate the evaluation process, click the *Submit* button (7.5).

#### Instructions and advice:

- *ReCodEx is a system intended for checking assignment solutions, not a system intended for debugging programs. You should only submit solutions that you have already thoroughly debugged and have tested on various inputs.*
- *Do not use characters from non-English alphabets in source files.*
- *In performing your own testing, it is best to use the same compiler that ReCodEx uses. You can see the name and version number of this compiler at the beginning of the compilation log on the Solution evaluation page, or look at the project wiki linked from the FAQ page at <https://github.com/ReCodEx/wiki/wiki/FAQ>.*

## Solution evaluation

As soon as you submit a solution (7.5) the system will evaluate it. Each exercise's author has prepared a suite of tests. Your solution is compiled and is then launched separately on each test. For each test, ReCodEx determines whether the submitted solution ran in the predetermined conditions with the expected result, using less time and memory than the limits set by the author. The results of all tests are displayed in an overview table (8.1) on the *Solution evaluation* page.

A student invokes the process of testing their solution only by submitting it (7.5). The group supervisor may explicitly launch a solution evaluation whenever they deem it appropriate (8.5). For example, a supervisor might do this when tests have been added or amended, or when they need additional debugging information (an expanded log file) for a given evaluation. Nevertheless the *Evaluation Details* (8.6) and the *Test Results* table (8.1), which are displayed to the student, always reflect the evaluation that ran last, whether it was initiated by the student or the supervisor.

The *Solution evaluation* page also contains a link to a file with source code (8.7) and the frame *Comments and Notes* (8.8), which is intended primarily for communication between a student and their advisor regarding a concrete solution submission. If you mark the comments as private (8.9), only you will see them.

The Solution

Submitted at: 4/10/2019 20:46 (3 months ago)

Before the deadline: ✓

Author: J. Forstová

Re-evaluated by: L. Forstová

Target language: Pascal (FreePascal)

Last evaluation status: The solution is correct and meets all criteria.

Final score: 7 / 10

PROJECT1.LPR  
2.34 KiB

Comments and Notes

29 minutes ago

Could you please advise me?

Lenka Forstová  
27 minutes ago

Have you thought about zero?

Your comment...

Send Refresh

Everyone on this page will see this comment.

Evaluation Details

Evaluated at: 7/21/2019 21:58:02 (2 minutes ago)

Build succeeded: ✓

Correctness: 75%

Scored points: 7 / 10

Evaluation status: The solution is correct and meets all criteria.

Compilation Logs

Test Results

	✓/✗	🔍	⌚	⚡	🔌
Test 1	100%	OK	✓ 0.4%	⌚ 0.9%	OK
Test 2	100%	OK	✓ 0.4%	⌚ 1.0%	OK
Test 3	100%	OK	✓ 0.4%	⌚ 1.1%	OK
Test 4	100%	OK	✓ 0.4%	⌚ 1.1%	OK
Test 5	100%	OK	✓ 0.4%	⌚ 0.9%	OK
Test 6	0%	FAILED	✓ 0.6%	⌚ 1.6%	OK
Test 7	100%	OK	✓ 0.6%	⌚ 1.6%	OK

Figure 8

## Test results

The meaning of individual table columns (8.1):



- The name of the test (**9.1**), according to which a supervisor can set the test configuration. So if you wish to discuss a particular test with your supervisor, you should refer to the test by this name. The supervisor can verify the correctness of the test even if they are not the author of the exercise.

Test Results					
	✓/✗	⚖️	🕒	🔌	🔌
Test 1	0%	SKIPPED	✗ 0.0%	✗ 0.0%	Unknown

Figure 9

- The percentage of correctness of any individual test in most cases is either 0 or 100.
- The result of comparing the submitted solution's output with the author's solution:
  - *Skipped* (**9.2**) indicates that the program did not run, e.g. due to a syntax error or because the compiler of the chosen language failed. In this case we recommend studying the *Compilation logs* (**8.4**)
  - *Failed* (**8.2**) indicates that the submitted solution ran successfully (there was no runtime error) (**8.3**), but did not achieve the expected result, i.e. for the given input the program being tested produced output that differed from the expected output provided by the exercise author
- The percentage of the memory limit that was used (**10.1**) (the supervisor may hide this data

Test Results					
	✓/✗	⚖️	🕒	🔌	🔌
Test 1	100%	OK	✓ 12.8%	✓ 0.0%	OK
Test 2	100%	OK	✓ 12.8%	✓ 0.0%	OK
Test 3	100%	OK	✓ 12.8%	✓ 0.0%	OK
Test 4	0%	FAILED	✓ 12.8%	✓ 0.0%	Range check error

Figure 10

from students)

- The percentage of the time limit that was used (**10.2**) (the supervisor may hide this data from students)
- The result of running the program (**10.3**), or a description of a runtime error if one occurred (**10.4**)

- For a given exercise, the supervisor may allow students to view the *assignment evaluation log* (11.1), which may help students find bugs in cases where their program runs without error but does not produce the expected result. The *Log* is a text file containing the differences between the expected output and the actual output of the program being tested.

Test Results						
	✓/✗	OK	🔍	🔌	🔌	🔌
Test 1	100%	OK	✓	🔌 ✓	🔌 ✓	OK
Test 2	100%	OK	✓	🔌 ✓	🔌 ✓	OK
Test 3	100%	OK	✓	🔌 ✓	🔌 ✓	OK
Test 4	0%	FAILED	✓	🔌 ✓	🔌 ✓	OK <a href="#">Show Log</a>
Test 5	0%	FAILED	✓	🔌 ✓	🔌 ✓	OK <a href="#">Hide Log</a>
<div style="border: 1px solid gray; padding: 5px;"> <p>-1: 3 +1: 1</p> </div>						
Test 6	0%	FAILED	✓	🔌 ✓	🔌 ✓	OK <a href="#">Show Log</a>
Test 7	100%	OK	✓	🔌 ✓	🔌 ✓	OK

Figure 11

- In the log (11.2), the number before the colon indicates a line number in the program's output file; following the colon is the text string belonging to the given line. If a line number is negative, that means that the given value was expected on that line, but it was not there. A positive line number indicates a value that actually appeared on the given line. In the given example, the log indicates that the number 3 should have been in the output, but actually the number 1 appeared there instead.
- Lines on which the output agreed with the expected output do not appear in the log at all.
- If there are too many differences, the log will show only some of them.